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| Interview Summary | Application No. 10/698,843 | Applicant(s) HAMMILL ET AL. |
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Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,11 and 24.

Identification of prior art discussed: Yang et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication, Verness et al., U.S. Patent 6,285,910 and Verness, U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0099430.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

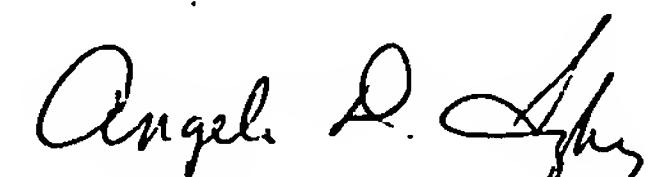
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Exmainers and Applicant discussed the following: 1) the new draft claim limitations appear to read over the art of record, but a closer reading of the prior art is necessary; 2) the draft amendments should have support in the specification; and 3) the "means for detecting wear" should specifically be addressed and the elements corresponding to the means for detecting wear should be listed in the response.

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